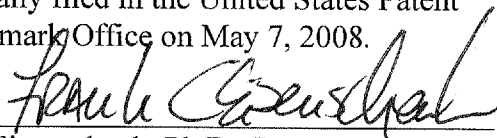


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated April 7, 2008 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II (claims 25-32, 36, 37 and 43, drawn in part to a method for treating/preventing a fibrotic disease comprising administering to a patient a polypeptide and an interferon), without traverse. As the species, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO: 2.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: